

Element 2: Principles, including Rights of the Child and Practitioner Image of the Child

Activity G: Principles related to how children learn and develop

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Children learn lots of things at the same time and in many different ways. They build on their knowledge and experience through play and active learning with hands-on experiences and in this way they develop dispositions, skills, attitudes and values, knowledge and understanding. On-going assessment ensures that experiences are built on and are relevant and meaningful. Communication and language are at the heart of early learning and development. An environment, indoor and outdoor which is representative of all children, influences what and how children learn, with good environments fostering independence, curiosity and a sense of belonging.

- Play (A and S)
- Environment (A and S)
- Holistic learning and development (A)
- Active learning (A)
- Relevant and meaningful experiences (A)
- Communication and language (A)

This activity will help you to learn about the principles related to how children learn and develop and will provide an opportunity for you to discuss how you can embed these principles in your work with children.

Give three examples of how these principles can be seen in your curriculum.

1.

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List three things you will do next week to make these principles more visible in your curriculum.

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Give two reasons why you think these principles are important for your curriculum.

1.

2.